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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ding *et al.* Confirmation No.: 4829
Application No.: 10/603,115 Art Unit: 3738
Filed: June 24, 2003 Examiner: Thomas C. Barrett
For: DRUG COATING WITH TOP COAT Attorney Docket No.: 10177-191-999
(cam.008563-999188)

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

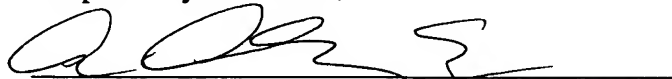
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and M.P.E.P. 713.04, Attorneys for Applicants submit this Statement of Substance of Interview for the personal interview of December 9, 2004 between Examiner Thomas C. Barrett, and Applicants' representatives Mr. Scott Bluni, Catharina Chin Eng and Ann Chen in connection with the above-identified application. At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Barrett for the courtesies extended during the interview.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that he would consider certain proposed amendments to the claims if Applicants file a Supplemental Amendment to the Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on September 21, 2004. The Examiner indicated that the inclusion of claim language reciting that the undercoat comprises a different polymer than the topcoat may overcome the prior art rejections.

No fee is believed to be due for this amendment. Should any fee be due, please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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